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Travis,

Kurt and I attended meetings at HPS yesterday, which proved very useful. We spent the morning in a briefing that include RASO via the phone, did a site tour after lunch (viewing the pads used for soil characterization was particularly informative), and then ended the day with some of the Tetra Tech folks clarifying process details. My understanding is that Jim will be setting up a follow-up conference call.

One of the items that was clear is that having a complete data set for a couple of the pads would be invaluable. "Complete" means data from the gross gamma screens, systematic sampling results, biased sampling results, excavation information for soils removed in response to sample results, and the bin sampling data for the bins the soil was placed into. Based on our conversations with Tetra Tech at the end of the day, this seems doable. Jim is also aware that we have an interest in the data, although he had to catch a flight and so was not part of the final Tetra Tech conversations.

I think for both Kurt and I it was pretty obvious that there are a number of pieces of the soil removal and characterization process that, if revisited, could easily result in significant contamination soil volume reductions. Some of those might not be practically achievable either because of existing agreements with EPA/State of CA or because of RASO reluctance, but the main point is I think there are opportunities present.

In the short term Kurt and I will prepare some preliminary thoughts about waste minimization avenues that might be pursued. Doing that I think will help clarify for us what additional information we might need to better evaluate the potential for waste minimization and the possible obstacles to get there.

All in all, a very productive and useful meeting.

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